Department of Foreign Affairs

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Sir

Since the month of September 1860 the protection obligingly given by the French Embassy to His Majesty's subjects in the Pontifical State, having been withdrawn, the British Government consented that similar protection should be afforded by its agent in Rome and you, most excellent Sir, as British Consul there, have on every occasion that has occurred performed this kind office with a courtesy good-will and readiness, corresponding fully with the intentions of your own Government as well as with the wishes of that of His Majesty, our King, and have thus acquired a just title to our particular gratitude.

Having been lately called to the direction of this department it is now my very agreeable duty to express to you Sir these my sincere sentiments of satisfaction and acknowledgment,

whilst I feel confident that you will continue as hitherto to adopt the same good offices with the Roman Authorities as regards the safety of the persons and interests of His Majesty's subjects, thus rendering yourself ever more well deserving of our Government, which has already so much to praise for your indulgent assistance bestowed upon the above persons.

Meanwhile I avail myself of the present opportunity to assure you of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Gerasmo Durando

Joseph Severn Esq^r

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